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INMATES SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT
FOR ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN HEROIN IN PRISON BY MAIL

MICHAEL J. GARCIA, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that GARY PRICE and MOHAMMED ANWO, both inmates at the Federal Correctional Institute in Otisville, New York ("FCI Otisville"), were sentenced before United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON to 27 months' imprisonment for attempting to obtain heroin through the United States Mail.

According to the Complaint previously filed in the case, between October 12, 2004, and November 15, 2004, PRICE and ANWO arranged for a relative of ANWO's to mail a package containing heroin to FCI Otisville. The package was intercepted by prison authorities before PRICE and ANWO were able to receive it.

On July 27, 2005, PRICE pleaded guilty to conspiring and attempting to obtain a prohibited object -- heroin -- in prison, and ANWO pleaded guilty to attempting to do the same. ANWO's relative, Aminatta Sirleaf, who is alleged to have mailed the package of heroin to the prison, has been charged in an Indictment, and the case against her is pending.

On October 25, 2005, United States District Judge STEPHEN C. ROBINSON sentenced PRICE and ANWO to 27 months' imprisonment, to be served in addition to their current terms of incarceration. PRICE is currently serving a 210-month sentence for being a felon in possession of a firearm and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, and ANWO is serving a 120-month sentence for being a felon in possession of a handgun.

Prior to their incarceration at FCI Otisville, PRICE, 31, lived in Irvington, New Jersey, and ANWO, 34, lived in East Orange, New Jersey.

Mr. GARCIA praised the efforts of the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Inspector General, the Special Investigative Section of the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service for their work on the case.

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